



TWO SIDES OF A COIN. Not only can snow freeze; it can insulate. Accordingly, persons lost in a storm, have been able to burrow into the snow for survival until rescuers arrive. Ironically, these icy twigs take on a furry appearance. (Staff photo)

Howard Colvard Is Killed In Crash

Howard Kenneth Colvard, 24, of 8½ Crestview Street, Granite Falls, was killed Wednesday when his motorcycle collided with a pickup truck on Falls Avenue in Granite Falls.

Officer Joe Munday reported that Floyd Herbert Lail, 17, of Granite Falls was making a left turn onto Vale Street and drove his 1950 Ford pickup into the path of the 1965 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Colvard was riding east on Falls Avenue.

Colvard died enroute to a hospital. Lail escaped injury.

Lail was charged with involuntary manslaughter. He posted \$1,000 bond and will be given a hearing in District Court Jan. 19.

Colvard had been employed as a truck driver by the City of Lenoir for the past two years.

A native of Watauga County, he was a son of Rev. and Mrs. Earl E. Colvard of Watauga County.

Also surviving are his widow, Mrs. Barbara Hoffman Colvard; four brothers, Henry Colvard of Elizabethton, Tenn., Carl Colvard of Laurinburg, Edward Colvard and Earl Colvard Jr., both of Charleston, S. C.; and three sisters, Mrs. Martha West of Boone, Mrs. Hazel Aldridge and Mrs. Mary Triplett, both of Lenoir.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday at Brushy Fork Baptist Church with Rev. Ed Crump and Rev. Victor Trivette officiating. Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park in Boone.

Mrs. Martha Davant

Mrs. Martha Fleetwood Davant, 68, of Blowing Rock died Sunday at the Blowing Rock Hospital. She was born in Columbia, S. C. to Matthew M. and Suzanna Douglas Flicking. She had lived in Blowing Rock for six years.

Surviving are one son, Dr. Charles Davant, Jr. of Blowing Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Gilbert Berry of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. John Thomas of Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Capt. Evan Flicking of Beauford, S. C.; five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Monday at Beach Island Episcopal Church at Beach Island, S. C. Burial was in the Beach Island cemetery.

Millard T. Rominger

Millard Talmadge Rominger, 69, of Route 2, Vilas died Sunday at Cannon Memorial Hospital. He was the son of the late Maney and Margaret Hicks Rominger.

Surviving are five sons, Donley and Paul Rominger of Freeport, Ohio, Smith Rominger of Lour City, Ohio, Roy Rominger of Akron, Ohio, Dewey Rominger of Vilas; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia May of Vilas, Mrs. Minnie Presnell of Newton, Mrs. Dorothy Presnell of Stanley; one brother, Will Rominger of Vilas; thirty-five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in Forest Grove Baptist Church. Officiating was Rev. Noah Johnson. Burial was in the Forest Grove cemetery.

Miss Mary Wheeling

Miss Mary Elizabeth Wheeling, 67, of Deep Gap, Rt. 1, died Friday afternoon at Watauga Hospital.

She was born in Wilkes County to Thomas and Alie Catherine Waters Wheeling. She lived in Watauga County 23 years.

Surviving are two brothers, Aaron Wheeling of Winston-Salem and Kevert Wheeling of Deep Gap and two sisters, Mrs. Linda Laws of Lenoir and Miss Martha Wheeling of North Wilkesboro.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m. Monday at Stony Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in Stony Hill Cemetery.

Ralph S. Brown

Ralph S. Brown, 68, of Boone, Rt. 3, died Thursday morning at Watauga County Hospital.

He was born in Watauga County to Zeb and Mary Walters Brown.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Alma Brown; two sons, Mack Brown of Boone and Edward Brown of Landis; a daughter, Mrs. Guy Shirley of Boone; three brothers, Roby Brown of Johnson City, Tenn., Gwyn Brown of Marion and Lester Brown of Lenoir; and a sister, Mrs. Emma Walters of Hudson; and eleven grandchildren.

The funeral was held Friday at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountlawn Cemetery.

Raleigh Wilson

Raleigh Wilson, 88, a retired farmer of Vilas, Rt. 2, died Sunday night at home.

He was born in Watauga County to Marion and Sarfine Snyder Wilson.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Lena Thomas of Avondale, Pa., Mrs. Minnie Johnson of Vilas, Rt. 2, Mrs. Nettie Potter of Crescent City, Cal., Mrs. Grace Perry of Hillsborough and Mrs. Bulah Powell of Detroit, Mich.; four sons, Dave Wilson of Hillsborough, and Joe, Carl and Dean Wilson of Vilas.

The funeral was held at 4 p. m. Tuesday at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Burial was in Beaver Dam Cemetery.

Mack G. Proffitt

Mack Gaither Proffitt, 71, of Philadelphia, Pa., died Saturday in a hospital there.

He was born in Watauga County to Thomas Roby and Julia Phillips Proffitt.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Jessie Hood Proffitt; and Laws of Lenoir and Mrs. Pearl Proffitt Russell of Los Angeles, Calif.

LOOTING IN THE DARK

San Francisco—During an hour-long power failure, small bands of men broke a store window and carried out television sets. Police said it was apparently the only store looted in the twelve-block area.

Johnson City, Texas—President Johnson sold a bull for \$1,700. That would be almost \$1 a pound on the hoof. The price of steak won't go up since the animal was bought for prize breeding rather than beef.

Watauga Home Clubs Have December Meetings

The Watauga County Home Demonstration Clubs held meetings with a variety of programs for December. Mrs. Lillian Danner, Home Economics Extension Agent, gave programs at several on "Ideas for Making Christmas Decorations" from unusual things found at home.

The Trio Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Ralph Williams where members exchanged gifts and ideas for decorations. The most unusual ideas was the using of plastic bags to make a wreath given by Mrs. Charles Wilkinson.

Mrs. Cora Link was hostess for the Valle Crucis meeting. Mrs. W. T. Ferneyhough was welcomed as a new member. Mrs. Link showed an idea for using felt to make an attractive score tally to be used as a Christmas gift. Mrs. Paul Patterson showed an idea for making an unusual housecoat by using three bath towels.

The Beaver Dam Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Asa Reese with ten members present. Mrs. Doris Storie, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent, led the group in some interesting games. Mrs. Lillian Danner showed the group how they could use gold paint for Christmas decorations. Mrs. Cecil Swift was welcomed back to the community since she had recently moved to Farthing Street in Boone.

Members of the Buena Vista Home Demonstration Club enjoyed a "Dessert Party" in which all furnished their favorite at the home of Mrs. Bill Stout. Mrs. Raymond Harmon and other newly elected officers were installed at a special installation service given by Mrs. John Gilliam, retiring president.

Mrs. Odes Wilson was hostess for the Cove Creek Home Demonstration Club annual Christmas dinner. The thirteen members enjoyed the most appropriately decorated home in which Mrs. Wilson used many decorations which she had made. A special part of their Christmas program included taking a tray of food to eight shut-ins in the community.

The Bethel Home Demonstration Club enjoyed their annual Christmas event in the home of Mrs. Jim Sherwood assisted by Mrs. Bill Sherwood. Members brought their favorite dessert for this event.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sherwood; vice-president, Mrs. George Edmisten; secretary, Mrs. Gareth Ward; reporter, Mrs. Baker Edmisten.

Mrs. Bennie Baird and other officers were thanked for their excellent leadership as club officers of the Brushy Fork Club for the past two years at the meeting in the home of Mrs. Eddie Norris. The 22 members present learned who had been their Heart Sister this past year as they exchanged gifts. A gift of crystal and a cook book was presented to Mrs. Danner in appreciation for her assistance during the past year. The special project of matching the money earned by the Watauga Hospital Nurses on the television show was reported.

Members of the Young Homemakers Home Demonstration enjoyed a dinner at the Cardinal Restaurant in which their husbands were their guests. Mrs. Ed Gill was recognized for her leadership as

past president and Mrs. Robert Ward recognized as incoming president. Club members reported their Christmas project of taking a tree, food and toys to a home in the community. While in the home they assisted the children in decorating for Christmas.

Hodges Gap Home Demonstration Club members voted to give \$25 toward the Watauga Hospital Nurses project at their dinner meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel. Mrs. A. E. Vannoy was elected club president to serve the next two years. The club changed their meeting date to the first Tuesday in each month at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Vannoy presented a special Christmas program.

Mrs. B. G. Goodman, a new member of the Green Valley Home Demonstration Club, was hostess for their Christmas meeting. The nine members present enjoyed group singing of Christmas Carols and gift exchange. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Stuart Barnes; vice-president, Mrs. H. L. Coffey; secretary, Mrs. Clayton Moretz; and treasurer, Mrs. Grady Moretz.

Know The Weather

BY E. H. SIMS

Why does a weather change so often affect the sinuses or the ears?

When the weather changes, the pressure also changes, as a usual thing. When a clear spell comes to an end and rainy, low-pressure weather begins, those who experience ear or sinus trouble often experience discomfort.

This is because there are pockets of air in our head, or sinuses, which become blocked off. The pressure inside becomes greater than outside when barometer falls (and a low-pressure system arrives overhead) and expands the pockets.

A doctor will open them up, or equalize the pressure. The eustachian tube in the ear is a natural safety valve to allow air in and out of the ear. If it is closed by a swelling or a bad cold, then you risk puncturing your ear drum if you fly at a high altitude.

Another Year

We're facing now another year
With all its sorrow and its cheer;
With all its comfort and its pain,
With all its loss and all its gain;
A year we've never tried before,
And know not what there is in store
To bless us good, or try us out,
To make us weep or make us shout.

We do not know what we shall meet
To bring us vict'ry or defeat;
We know not how the foe will fight,
Nor how he'll take his stand or flight;
We cannot see with mortal eyes
Just what along our pathways lies,
But let us do the best we know
And trust the future as we go.

We'll fight some battles, we are sure;
There'll be a lot we must endure;
The road won't all be strewn with flow'rs,
The days won't all be sunny hours;
There'll be some trav'ling that is rough,
And up-grade pulling that is "tough,"
But let us trust the God who stands
To help us with His outstretched hands.

We'll find a lot of work to do,
Along with problems old and new;
We'll have some burdens hard to bear
That call for patience, faith and prayer;
We'll have the privilege to bless
Some fellow-pilgrims in distress,
And show our love and courage, too,
By what we say and what we do.

There's blessing great in store for those
Who bear their cross and take the blows,
Who will not string from duty's road,
But like a hero bear their load;
Who plod the vale and climb the hill,
And do whatever God may will,
Content to give the world our best
And wait for God's sweet day of rest.

Walter E. Isenhour, Minister,
Taylorsville, N. C.

Mother of March of Dimes Patient Teaches Child Braille as Precaution

"When the doctors told me my daughter was probably going blind, I determined to learn Braille and be her teacher. I wanted to cushion the shock of knowing she might lose her sight, and to try to share the experience with her."

Speaking is Mrs. Mary A. Fennell of Archer, Fla., mother of five-year-old Lucille, who has congenital glaucoma (hardening of the eyeballs). The attractive blonde and blue-eyed child is also the victim of another birth defect which consists of malformations of the lymph vessels throughout her body.

"I've been warned," Lucille's mother explains, "that if I make a mistake in her diet—such as using the wrong kind of flour in my pies—Lucille won't be with us very long."

Mrs. Fennell told of her efforts to learn Braille, and why, at the Birth Defects Center at the University of Florida School of Medicine at Gainesville. The Center is one of 77 supported by the March of Dimes across the nation.

At the suggestion of the Florida State Council for the Blind, Mrs. Fennell wrote to the Library of Congress for a book of Braille and teaching instructions. (Available at no cost for anyone declared legally blind.)

"I thought that was all there was to it," Mrs. Fennell says. "I figured I'd just do a little studying and soon I'd be teaching Lucille how to spell by 'feeling' the raised dots. How mistaken I was!"

A person who has normal sight encounters far more difficulty learning Braille than the non-sighted. The reason is that the sighted individual relies on the faculty of sight rather than that of touch.

Lucille will not wrestle with



LOSING HER EYESIGHT because of a birth defect which destroys the optic nerves, Lucille Fennell, Archer, Fla., is learning to read Braille with her mother's help.

anywhere near as much of a Braille problem as does her mother. The child's print vision is limited to letters one inch high, so that she will never read book and newspaper type and be confused by memories and associations of the printed letter or word.

Mrs. Fennell is helping Lucille memorize the "feel" of a few letters of the alphabet in raised-dot language, and to recognize how the "feel" sounds when spoken. Mother and child make a game of it. School authorities were so impressed with the child's progress that they permitted Lucille to enter regular kindergarten.

When she enters first grade and moves into a textbook-oriented world, such classic readers as "Dick and Jane" will be unintelligible to her in

conventional type. But her mother will translate such books onto sheets of "raised pinpricks," using a special Braille typewriter.

At the March of Dimes-supported Birth Defects Center, to which Lucille is taken for check-ups every few months, the specialists avoid an unqualified prediction. But if pressure against her optic nerves increases, total blindness is almost certain to result.

Understandably, this is the kind of tragedy that many fathers and mothers find intolerable to face. But Mary Fennell is facing it, the doctors say, courageously and with intelligent compassion. They wish more parents, in similar unhappy circumstances, could summon the same fortitude and sense of realism.

Persons Near 65 Advised To Apply Early For Medicare's Doctor Plan

If you are nearing the age of 65, signing up early for Medicare could save you money. The Health Insurance Institute reminded older people today that the new Medicare law includes virtually everybody 65 and over regardless of whether they come under Social Security benefits. But unless they sign up at least a month before their 65th birthday, they risk losing some protection.

"Medicare" is one name for two protection plans, the Institute said.

The first is hospital care coverage. Coverage is automatic and free the day you reach 65, providing you have notified your local Social Security Adminis-

The enrollment period for Medicare begins three months before you turn 65th birthday.

If you do not enroll within this time, you stand a good chance of losing doctor care coverage for long periods of time. For example, if you wait until the month you are 65, your medical protection won't go into effect until the following month.

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Comment On Sports

BOXING

BY PETE FRITCHIE

Washington, D.C.—The Clay-Terrell fight will finally come off February 6th but there is little reason to believe Ernie will fare better than recent challengers.

Nevertheless, there is some interest if only because the World Boxing Association recognizes Terrell as the heavy-weight champion. The February 6th encounter will almost certainly enable the WBA to get on the Clay bandwagon.

As far as one can see today, Terrell is the last challenger of any interest. After Clay disposes of the tall WBA titleholder, who will he fight? Even Clay seems at a loss and has said he might be willing to take on Sonny Liston again. Probably the public would have none of that.

Clay is unpopular in the United States but highly popular in Europe and Africa.

So poor has been both his behavior and his press (as a result) in the United States he is underrated as well as disliked.

Viewing his record objectively, however, one must rate him among the great heavy-weight champions. Certainly he has taken on all comers of late. And he has fearsome power in his fists. Few go the distance with him.

Terrell might not last as long as George Chuvalo did—one of the men who lasted the distance and who Clay rates among the best he has faced. Some think Terrell will go down and out by round six. Certainly chances are good he won't last eight or ten rounds.

If he makes the distance, it will probably be because he doesn't choose to meet Clay blow for blow and dances away. The writer's prediction is he won't be able to hack this for fifteen stanzas.